

# **BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Package**

**April 13, 2000  
The Sterling Hotel  
1300 H Street  
Sacramento, California  
Meeting 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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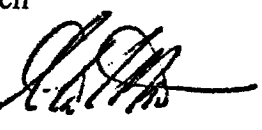
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## **M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: April 5, 2000

To: Bay-Delta Advisory Council

From: Steven R. Ritchie  
Acting Executive Director 

Subject: April 13, 2000 Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meeting

This meeting of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council will be held on April 13, 2000 in Sacramento at the Sterling Hotel, 1300 H Street. Attached is the information for the meeting.

The BDAC meeting falls within the same time frame that Secretary Babbitt, Governor Davis and other state officials are developing a package of specific policies, programs and projects to meet CALFED objectives. The BDAC meeting and your discussion on the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative is very timely as your comments will very likely reflect the controversies facing the CALFED Program and the officials as they discuss how the government should respond to the issues raised by the Council. In addition to developing your recommendation on CALFED implementation, another objective for the meeting is to deliberate on public involvement during the early stages of Stage 1 Implementation.

In the morning I will provide you with a report of the status of the state/federal discussions mentioned above. You are then scheduled to deliberate on the draft recommendation developed by all who commented on the February 17, 2000 draft motion and the February 20, 2000 proposed preamble to the EIS/EIR Record of Decision drafted by Alex Hildebrand. The draft recommendation in this packet (which is subject to change prior to the meeting) reflects comments submitted by over half of the BDAC membership. The CALFED Policy Group is expecting to discuss your recommendation at its meeting on April 19, 2000 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

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**CALFED Agencies**

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**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Western Area Power Administration

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Later in the day you will be asked to deliberate on important interim governance issues: a draft outline for a CALFED agency Framework Agreement and the structure for public advisory groups. BDAC comments on the Framework Agreement and your recommendation regarding public advisory groups will be forwarded to the CALFED Policy Group.

You will also receive a briefing from CALFED staff on the Water Management Strategy Evaluation Framework assessment of the alternative strategies. The assessment is still in progress and the information provided at the meeting will be preliminary.

Your packet includes:

- Draft Meeting Agenda
- Draft Recommendation from Chair Mike Madigan and Vice Chair Sunne McPeak on Implementing the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative
- Governance Materials
- Meeting Summaries
- Correspondence

Please note that your packet includes several Ecosystem Restoration items that are not on the meeting agenda. First, immediately following the draft agenda is a notice announcing the 2001 Proposal Solicitation. Second, behind the Correspondence tab are amendments to Ecosystem Restoration contracts. These amendments are provided for your information only; no BDAC action is required.

I look forward to a productive meeting next week!